

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	318	382	432
Acreage	39,846	44,623	54,041
Average size (acres)	125	117	125
Median size (acres)	31	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	691,409	492,252	446,488
Machinery/equip (dollars)	50,649	37,173	32,489
Cropland (acres)			
Total	30,609	34,281	41,711
Harvested	23,535	26,256	27,810
Irrigated	763	894	510
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	19,610	18,949	18,305
(dollars avg. per farm)	61,667	49,605	42,372
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	8,698	4,448	3,614
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	6,321	8,203	9,841
Beef cows	1,967	2,019	2,317
Milk cows	1,357	1,429	2,028
Hogs and pigs	1,254	1,730	2,721
Sheep and lambs	477	1,081	1,013
Layers 13 wks or older	D	685	2,134
Broilers and chicken (sold)	93	115	153
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Com, grain or seed	7,632	10,679	11,135
Com, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	2,211	2,286	1,812
Barley	1,272	1,153	2,045
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	0	0	0
Soybeans	4,717	4,533	3,445
Dry edible beans, excl lima	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	6,502	7,142	8,093
Vegetables			
Number of farms	26	22	30
Acreage	243	377	637

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Orchards			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture